

MINUTES FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY JANUARY 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the president, John Spruhan, at 2:00PM.

12 members were in attendance.

The secretary read the minutes of the October meeting thanking Ken Sosnowski for filling in. The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer made his report. He had handouts including cash flow from October 1 through December 31, 2019, a FOSL financial summary for 2019, and 2019 library requests. A Teen Robotics program bill for \$596.00 had not come in. About \$1,000.00 in printer overage charges was also not available in time for the cash flow report. Funds allotted for new library furniture are not reflected because it had not been delivered. We ended on a positive note with an ending balance of \$42,900.00. Ken also announced that the Friends received a donation of \$1,000.00 from a couple who also made a large donation in 2019. We have a CD which matures in February.

The treasurer maintains the membership list. Ken reported we have 112 active members including one new member. Members who are one year behind are being kept on the membership roll for now. Members who have not paid for two years are being dropped and will receive a letter notifying them and encouraging them to rejoin. Two members are being dropped because their meeting notices have been coming back as undeliverable.

The treasurer's report was approved.

The death of long time member and former president Bob McClanahan was announced. Possible topics for a book donated in his memory by the Friends were discussed.

A.J. Pentecost moved we approve up to \$100.00 for a memorial book, The motion was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ann Tripp summarized recent library activities. The Gingerbread Festival was well attended. Attendance was estimated at about 2200. There were between 840 and 890 craft projects. Attendance was helped by good weather and the fact that all activities were free. There were fewer gingerbread houses. Anyone interested in entering in 2020 should know there is no entry fee. Story time has been well attended. Recent teen programs include Robotics and a Saturday games program.

The newsletter will be formatted and published by Phil Roark. He needs content two weeks before publication. Ann Tripp and Lydia Spruhan will edit.

Ken Sosnowski reported we have 64 boxes of books in storage which is normal for this time ahead of the sale. Six bags of books were delivered for donation the day of the meeting. A Salem bookstore is for sale. They may have some items to donate or may include all inventory in the sale.

The City of Salem is funding new flooring for the library. The library continues to need the \$21,000.00 the Friends appropriated at the October meeting. Some of this money has not yet been spent because of items that have not arrived.

## NEW BUSINESS

The library staff has several funding requests. The Salem Library is working with library systems in the City of Roanoke and Botetourt County to hold library card parties for children in kindergarten planned for February 29, 2020, with a leap year theme. Emily Metrock is requesting \$1,200.00 which includes \$700.00 for books for participants, \$200.00 for crafts, and \$300.00 for food for Salem's event. David Butler plans to take teens bowling and requests \$300.00 for shoes, three games per individual, and pizza.

A.J. Pentecost moved we appropriate up to \$1,500.00 to fund these requests. Ken Sosnowski seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Roanoke College has a group which has proposed a Nerf invasion to be followed by an invasion at the college. There are a number of learning activities involved for the students. David Butler will put together a team for the library. The college is providing the equipment. Ken thinks the library team needs shirts that say "Fiends of the Salem Library." This activity is not in need of any action from the Friends although the shirts might be at a later time.

Sara Ahalt announced a meeting of the board to follow the March meeting.

The next item of business was the election of officers and board members. Charlie Draper presented the slate of officer candidates and moved the slate be elected by acclamation. A.J. Pentecost seconded the motion which passed. Charlie then presented the slate of candidates for board of directors who are being elected for three year terms. He moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. Lydia Spruhan seconded the motion which passed.

Officers elected are as follows: President – John Spruhan, Vice President – Phil Roark, Secretary – Susan Ahalt, Treasurer – Ken Sosnowski. Board members elected are Sara Ahalt, Janis Augustine, Gail Evans, Ken Sosnowski, and Betty Waldron.

Ann Tripp announced the library staff is planning a yard sale for the meeting room on March 14 with staging on March 13. The money will go to the Friends. They would appreciate donations

of small items but no books. Please bring donations the week of the sale as they do not have storage space.

The book drop is out of order because it was hit by a car.

The Children's Art Show will be May 17.

The next meeting of the Friends will be March 8 which is the first day of daylight savings time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary